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WON DISTINCTION IN 1903

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 3.—

After a decade spent in active work as the executive head of the United Mine Workers of America, during which time he has attained a reputation as the nation's foremost labor leader, John Mitchell today stepped down and out and was succeeded by Thomas L. Lewis of Ohio. During the time that he has been president of the miners' union, that organization has grown from a small and insignificant body to one of the strongest labor unions in the world, with a total membership of 360,000. Mitchell's retirement was wholly voluntary, and was due to ill health. If he had wished, he could probably have retained his position throughout his lifetime, so popular is he with the members of the union.

The greatest event of Mitchell's career as a labor leader was the strike in the anthracite district in 1903, the most memorable the country ever saw. It was inaugurated by President Mitchell, the demands being an eight-hour day, higher wages and union mines.

It lasted from April until November, when President Roosevelt appointed his famous arbitration commission and a settlement was effected to last three years. At the expiration of the three years, the contract was renewed and now expires next year. The settlement was considered favorable to the miners.

Many rumors are in circulation as to Mitchell's future. He has been mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for governor of Illinois, his home being in Spring Valley, Ill. It has also been stated that Mitchell would be asked by President Roosevelt to go to Panama and make a report on labor conditions in the canal zone. The retired labor leader will be one of the delegates to the natural resources of the country, called by President Roosevelt.

John P. White, of Iowa, is the new Vice-President. He has been President of the Iowa miners.

W. D. Ryan of Illinois, long connected with the state organization of miners is the new Secretary-Treasurer. Ryan is a Mitchell man as is White.

Lewis, the new president, is considered a brainy man. He studied law and came up from the mines like Mitchell. He has some elaborate plan for making the organization

bigger and stronger and his ambition is to gain the confidence of the public in the way Mitchell has held it.

Lewis has been spoken of as a fierce radical and some surprise has been expressed that a radical could be elected to such an important position by men who have had the services for years of so conservative a leader as John Mitchell. As a matter of fact Thomas Lewis is not a radical in the usually accepted sense of the word. He is perhaps quicker to decide than the much-loved Mitchell, whom he has, on numerous occasions opposed, and his manner of handling the various questions which confront labor leaders is perhaps somewhat less conciliatory toward opponents; he also is very strong willed, but his reputation as a "fighter" is due more to his work for what he thought right within the organization, than for any disregard of the proprieties in his relations with employers. Lewis lives at Bridgeport, Ohio, and has been vice-president of the mine workers since the election of John Mitchell to the presidency. He therefore is not unfamiliar with the work he has been called to. In a speech made to the recent convention of miners at Indianapolis, after the tellers had announced his victory over William B. Wilson, Lewis said:

"I desire to set at rest any fears that may exist. I desire to say to the American people that if I am a radical I hope to be always so, for I will stand and defend the just rights of those whom I have the honor to represent. I hope to be so conservative that we may be able to decide when to accept the things that we believe justly ours as laboring men of the country."

DEATH WAS ON HIS HEELS.

Jesse P. Morris, of Skippers, Va., had a close call in the spring of 1906. He says: "An attack of pneumonia left me so weak and with such a fearful cough that my friends declared consumption had me, and death was on my heels. Then I was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It helped me immediately, and after taking two and a half bottles I was a well man again. I found out that New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and lung disease in all the world." Sold under guarantee at Charles Rogers & Son drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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SPASM OF VIRTUE

Prohibitory Law and Race-Track Gambling Threatened.

RACES CLEAR \$5000 A DAY

It is Safe to Say That a Prohibitory Law Would Undoubtedly Pass Congress if it Were Once Before That Body But it Wont be.

Special correspondence. Washing-

ton, D. C. April 3.—The District of Columbia is at present suffering intensely from an arrested spasm of virtue. At the opening of the session of Congress we were threatened with a prohibitory law. Then came a strenuous and sustained attack on the race track and the gambling connected therewith. Finally an effort was made to do away with bucketshop gambling. Up to this writing all these attempts have proved abortive. The races are being run daily to the delectation of the multitude and the eminent satisfaction of the bookmakers. The bucketshops are open and doing business and the saloons are working from four a. m. to midnight. On the whole it does not seem that we have gotten very far toward reform.

It is to be hoped that before autumn Congress will have enacted a law to put a stop to betting at the races. Washington is peculiar in its population and because of this fact suffers more from the racing in the Spring and Fall than would likely be the case with any other city of the same size. The larger part of the population, and especially of the race goers, is composed of employees of the government, receiving a stated salary on which they and their families are absolutely independent. Consequently almost every dollar lost at the race track goes out of circulation. The argument is frequently advanced that the "races bring money to Washington" This is the sheerest sort of nonsense. The \$2 per head contributed by the patrons of the track pays the purses and all expenses connected with the operation of the track. For every dollar that is brought here and spent here by the bookmakers, touts, and race track followers, who depend upon betting for their livelihood, at least \$2 are taken away from the permanent population of this city. To say that the races cost Washington five thousand dollars per day, net, for each day of both the Spring and Fall meetings, is a very low estimate. Probably ten thousand dollars a day would be nearer correct. On the opening day there were more than sixty bookmakers. Most of these came from out of the city and had with them a clerk and chashier at \$10 a day each. If each bookmaker won only a total of three thousand dollars of the public's money. The greatest evil in connection with betting at Benning is not the loss of the money involved, but the disrespect into which the law has fallen. The absurdity of a law which forbids betting on the races within a mile of the city limits of Washington, but which permits it in parts of the District outside of the mile limit, and which forbids the bookmaker to stand still and take bets, but which permits him to shift from one foot to the other and do business, cannot be defended by even the most enthusiastic race track gambler. As far as the crowd which the races attract to Washington, the town would be vastly better off without it. In the main it is composed of loud-mouthed, loudly dressed gentry, whose talk is extremely horsely and interlarded with profanity, together with a number of women of whom the less said the better. That there are distinctly reputable men and women interested in racing no one will deny, but it is manifested to the most unsophisticated observer that they are largely in the minority. The sooner Congress puts an end to race track gambling in the District, the better off all parties concerned.

Not long since it looked as though some legislation might be expected looking toward the regulation or prohibition of speculation in stock and particularly in grain and cotton. The President has spoken out strongly in favor of some such action but it now looks as though Congress will do nothing in this direction at the present session. The stock exchanges throughout the country have been very busy procuring the publication of articles tending to show

that speculation is both wholesome and necessary, and defending such operations. Stock gambling is now about the only generally recognized, legalized form of gambling and it is likely to be a long time before the people abandon it.

The movement for prohibition in the District of Columbia seems to have fallen into innocuous desuetude. Early in the session the brewers and liquor interests were greatly exercised over the possibility of the passage of a prohibitory law, but their fears have been allayed. It is safe to say that while a prohibitory law would undoubtedly pass Congress were it once before that body, it does not now seem possible that a vote will be taken on a prohibitory law at this session.

FIEND DROPS DEAD.

CHICAGO, April 3.—A despatch to the Tribune from Bedford, Ind., says: Charles Fisher, aged 17, dropped dead yesterday in the street. He was addicted to the cigarette habit and had one in his mouth when death came.

DON'T BLAME HER



For she cannot help it. Women are often cross, irritable, hysteric, and declare they are driven to distraction at the slightest provocation. Men cannot understand why this should be so. To them it is a mystery because in nine times out of ten this condition is caused by a serious feminine derangement. A remedy is necessary which acts directly upon the organs afflicted, restoring a healthy normal condition to the feminine system, which will quickly dispel all hysterical, nervous and irritable conditions. Such is

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